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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON - SEPTEMBER 13

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1. CONCERNING MAJOR ROADBLOCK AT IBIL AS SAQY, IDF LIAISON OFFICER SEPTEMBER 13 INFORMED PRIETO THAT IN VIEW UN'S REFUSAL TO PERMIT IDF TO ENTER AREA. ISRAEL WOULD SPEAK TO HADDAD WITH A VIEW TO HAVING ROADBLOCK REMOVED ASAP. SINCE MINES HAVE BEEN LAID ON APPROACHES, THIS MAY TAKE A LITTLE TIME.
2. ISRAELIS HAVE INFORMED UNIFIL SHIDIAK HAS SET UP A ROADBLOCK ON COAST ROAD NORTH OF NAQOURA. IDF STATED IT WOULD SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE.
3. CONCERNING REPORT OF MILITARY CORRESPONDENT OF ISRAELI RADIO TO EFFECT THERE ARE AS MANY "TERORISTS" IN SOUTH LEBANON AS BEFORE OPERATION LITANI, UN SOURCE SAYS THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN PREVIOUSLY ESTIMATED NUMBERS OF
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ARMED PALESTINIANS IN UNIFIL'S AREA OF OPERATION (180-200). ARMED PALESTINIANS, HOWEVER, DID CLOSE A ROAD RECENTLY IN THE FRENCH BATTALION'S AREA.

4. AS FOR FIRING NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 11-12 (REFTTEL), SOURCE NOW HAS DETAILS. ON SEPTEMBER 11 FROM 2100-2400 HOURS CHRISTIANS FIRED 60 ARTILLERY ROUNDS FROM

NORTHWEST OF CASTLE. ABOUT 20 ARTILLERY ROUNDS WERE
FIRED FROM THE CASTLE IN THE DIRECTION MARJAYOUN/
AL QLAIA. UN REPORTS CHRISTIANS STARTED THE
FIRE.
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